## **Oliver Draper Letter**

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#### **Biographical Note:**

Oliver H. Draper was born on March 15, 1828, to Thomas W. and Catherine (Herbert) Draper. According to one Ancestry.com record, he married Phebe Herbert on March 3, 1848, in Johnson County, Indiana. However, his wives listed in 1860 and 1870 were Mary, age 23, in 1860, and Jemina, age 28, in 1870. In 1860, Oliver lived in Clay, Wayne County, with Mary and one child, William, age 3. Ten years later, Oliver and Jemina had the following children: Will L., age 13; Laira A., age 8; Luther O., age 3; and Cora J., 3 months. Find-a-Grave lists Oliver H. Draper, born April 16, 1832, and died May 8, 1890.

Source: Ancestry.com accessed on 4/3/2014

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#### **Scope and Content:**

One letter comprises this collection. There are additional Oliver Draper documents in the Joseph Draper collection, S378. This letter is dated February 21, 1873, and is addressed to Oliver Draper from E. J. and L. Draper. He tells about farming, raising sheep and cattle. He wrote: "Lucy Irene is married & Theodore is working on Kings River at \$55 per month. Francis & I have been quite busy tending to our sheep ...William and George live in Alameda Co. George is farming. William is not settled, is thinking of moving to Tulare Co." He enclosed a photograph of himself and Lydia. He closes with the statement: "Tell Thomas & Ephraim and Joseph I would be so glad to get their pictures as well as your sisters."

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Date	Document
Feb. 21, 1873	Letter to Oliver Draper from E. J. & L. Draper

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